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MAJORA CANAMUS.

And without Controversy, great is the Mystery of Godliness; God was manifested in the Flesh, justified by the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the World, received up into Glory. In whom are hid all the Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge.

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P A R T I.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*



Comfort ye, comfort ye my People,
saith your God; speak ye comfort-
ably to *Jerusalem*, and cry unto
her, that her Warfare is accom-
plished, that her Iniquity is pardoned.
The Voice of him that crieth in the Wilder-
ness, prepare ye the Way of the Lord,
make straight in the Desert a Highway for
our God.

S O N G.

Every Valley shall be exalted, and every Mountain and Hill made low, the Crooked straight, and the rough Places plain.

CHORUS.

And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all Flesh shall see it together, for the Mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: Yet once a little while, and I will shake the Heavens and the Earth, the Sea and the dry Land, and I will shake all Nations, and the Desire of all Nations shall come; the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his Temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant whom ye delight in, behold he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.

RECITATIVE.

But who may abide the Day of his coming?
And who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a Refiner's Fire.

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CHORUS.

And he shall purify the Sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an Offering in Righteousness.

RECITATIVE.

Behold a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his Name *Emmanuel*,
GOD WITH US.

SONG and CHORUS.

O thou that tellest good Tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high Mountain; O thou that tellest good Tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy Voice with Strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the Cities of Judah, behold your God.

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the Glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

RECITATIVE, accompany'd.

For behold Darkness shall cover the Earth, and gross Darkness the People: But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his Glory shall be seen upon thee, and the Gentiles shall

shall come to thy Light, and Kings to the
Brightness of thy Rising.

S O N G.

*The People that walked in Darkness have seen
a great Light, and they that dwell in the
Land of the Shadow of Death, upon them
hath the Light shined.*

CHORUS.

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is
given, and the Government shall be upon his
Shoulder, and his Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the
everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*

RECITATIVE.

There were Shepherds, abiding in the Field,
keeping Watch over their Flock by Night.

RECITATIVE, accompany'd.

And lo, an Angel of the Lord came upon
them, and the Glory of the Lord shone
round about them, and they were fore-
afraid.

RECITATIVE.

And the Angel saith unto them, Fear not;
for behold, I bring you good Tidings of
great

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great Joy, which shall be to all People :
For unto you is born this Day in the City
of *David* a Saviour, which is Christ the
Lord.

RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

And suddenly there was with the Angel a
Multitude of the heavenly Host, praising
God, and saying,

CHORUS.

*Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on
Earth, good Will towards Men.*

S O N G.

*Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Sion, shout
O Daughter of Jerusalem, behold thy King
cometh unto thee.*

*He is the righteous Saviour, and he shall speak
Peace unto the Heathen.* [Da Capo.

RECITATIVE.

Then shall the Eyes of the Blind be open'd,
and the Ears of the Deaf unstopped;
then shall the lame Man leap as a Hart,
and the Tongue of the Dumb shall sing.

S O N G.

SONG.

*He shall feed his Flock like a Shepherd: And
he shall gather the Lambs with his Arm, and
carry them in his Bosom, and gently lead
those that are with young.*

*Come unto him all ye that labour, and are
heavy laden, and he will give you Rest.*

*Take his Yoke upon you, and learn of him, for
he is meek and lowly of Heart, and ye shall
find Rest unto your Souls.*

CHORUS.

His Yoke is easy, and his Burden is light.





PART II.

CHORUS.



Ebhold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the Sins of the World.

SONG.

He was despised and rejected of Men, a Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with Grief. He gave his Back to the Smiters, and his Cheeks to them that plucked off the Hair; he hid not his Face from Shame and Spitting. [DaCapo.

CHORUS.

Surely he hath borne our Grievs, and carry'd our Sorrows: He was wounded for our Transgressions, he was bruised for our Iniquities, the Chastisement of our Peace was upon him. And with his Stripes we are healed.

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CHORUS.

*All we like Sheep have gone astray, we have
turned every one to his own way.*

*And the Lord hath laid on him the Iniquity of
us all.*

RECITATIVE, accompany'd.

All they that see him laugh him to scorn;
they shoot out their Lips, and shake their
Heads, saying,

CHORUS.

*He trusted in God that he would deliver him:
Let him deliver him if he delight in him.*

RECITATIVE, accompany'd.

Thy Rebuke hath broken his Heart, he is
full of Heaviness: He looked for some to
have pity on him, but there was no Man,
neither found he any to comfort him.

S O N G.

*Behold and see if there be any Sorrow like unto
his Sorrow.*

RECITATIVE, accompany'd.

He was cut off out of the Land of the Liv-
ing, for the Transgression of thy People
was he stricken.

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S O N G.

*But thou didst not leave his Soul in Hell, nor
didst thou suffer thy Holy One to see Corruption.*

SEMI-CHORUS.

*Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates, and be ye lift
up ye everlasting Doors, and the King of
Glory shall come in.*

SEMI-CHORUS.

Who is this King of Glory?

SEMI-CHORUS.

*The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty
in Battle.*

SEMI-CHORUS.

*Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates, and be ye lift
up ye everlasting Doors, and the King of
Glory shall come in.*

SEMI-CHORUS.

Who is this King of Glory?

SEMI-CHORUS.

The Lord of Hosts: He is the King of Glory.

CHORUS.

The Lord of Hosts: He is the King of Glory.

RECITATIVE.

*Unto which of the Angels said He at any
time,*

time, Thou art my Son, this Day have I begotten thee?

CHORUS.

Let all the Angels of God worship him.

RECITATIVE.

Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led Captivity captive, and received Gifts for Men, yea even for thine Enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

CHORUS.

The Lord gave the Word, great was the Company of the Preachers.

S O N G.

How beautiful are the Feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring glad Tidings of good Things.

CHORUS.

Their Sound is gone out into all Lands, and their Words unto the End of the World.

S O N G.

Why do the Nations so furiously rage together, and why do the People imagine a vain thing?

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The Kings of the Earth rise up, and the Rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed.

CHORUS.

Let us break their Bonds asunder, and cast away their Yokes from us.

RECITATIVE.

He that dwelleth in Heaven shall laugh them to scorn: The Lord shall have them in Derision.

S O N G.

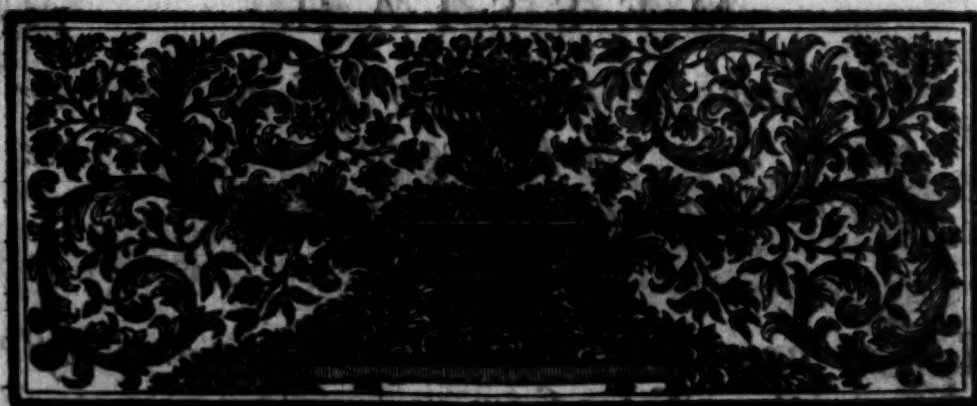
Thou shalt break them with a Rod of Iron, thou shalt dash them in pieces like a Potter's Vessel.

CHORUS.

Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The Kingdom of this World is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah.



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PART III.

SONG.



*Know that my Redeemer liveth, and
that he shall stand at the latter Day
upon the Earth: And though Worms
destroy this Body, yet in my Flesh
shall I see God. For now is Christ risen
from the Dead, the first Fruits of them that
sleep.*

CHORUS.

*Since by Man came Death,
By Man came also the Resurrection of the Dead;
For as in Adam all die,
Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

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RECITATIVE, *accompany'd.*

Behold I tell you a Mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a Moment, in the twinkling of an Eye, at the last Trumpet.

S O N G.

The Trumpet shall sound, and the Dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this Corruption must put on Incorruption, and this Mortal must put on Immortality. [Da Capo.

RECITATIVE.

Then shall be brought to pass the Saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in Victory.

D U E T.

O Death, where is thy Sting?
O Grave, where is thy Victory?
{The Sting of Death is Sin,
{And the Strength of Sin is the Law,

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CHORUS.

But Thanks be to God who giveth us the Victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

SONG.

If God be for us, who can be against us? Who shall lay any thing to the Charge of God's Elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is at the right Hand of God, who maketh Intercession for us.

CHORUS.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his Blood, to receive Power, and Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength, and Honour and Glory, and Blessing.

Blessing and Honour, Glory and Power be unto him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

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